



## **Compost Center Policies**

The Compost Center at 108 Carlisle Road is open to only Bedford residents for disposal of residential yard waste. Compost Center Resident stickers are available – For details please see the Compost / Yard waste webpage.

Commercial vehicles are not allowed on site and yard waste from commercial entities (e.g. landscaping companies) is not permitted.

Per state regulations, yard waste is prohibited from regular trash. Residents may either compost yard waste on their own property or bring the yard waste to the Compost Center where it will be turned into loam products.

Acceptable yard waste consists of leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, garden trimmings, weeds and tree material up to one inch (1") in diameter. Only paper bags, available at a variety of stores, are allowed to be dropped off. Residents should empty plastic trash bags or containers of yard waste. Tree limbs more than one inch (1") in diameter can be placed in the brush pile.

The DPW urges residents to properly dispose of leaves and yard waste, and to not dump leaves in wetlands or waterways. Also, the DPW asks residents to keep storm drains clear of leaf litter and pine needles. Fallen leaves are loaded with natural fertilizer and are a source of stormwater pollution.

At the Compost Center – on order to prevent illegal dumping of yard waste, construction debris and other materials, there are surveillance cameras recording what vehicles enter and depart the facility.

To the left of the Compost Center as you enter the facility, there is compost and wood chips available for residents. The compost is derived from yard waste dropped off in past years and is screened. The DPW makes no warranty of the quality or contents of the material.